

Additional Resources Available Through Indiana PLT

Tree Trunks: Indiana's Tree-mendous Trunk is filled with materials designed to supplement Project Learning Tree activities. Most effective when used with supporting background information and concepts in the PLT activities. Contains books, videos, posters, tree measuring sticks, Smokey Bear materials, audio cassettes of environmentally related children's music, "The Virtual Forest" CD Roms, games, samples of wood products made in Indiana, magnifiers, pH test kit, soil probe, track molds, and wood samples of Indiana trees.

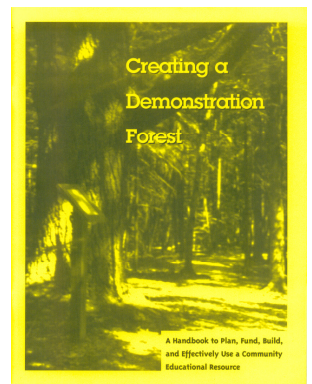


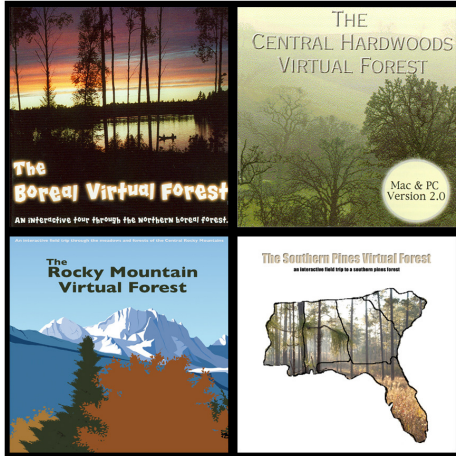
Fire Trunk: Developed by the IN DNR Division of Forestry's Project Learning Tree and Fire Education programs. Designed for use by educators, youth leaders, and natural resource professionals to teach children about wildland fire. An assortment of wildland fire education materials, including lesson plans, print materials, wildland - urban interface materials, Burning Issues CD-ROM, Smokey Bear materials, and videos are included in the trunk.



Creating a Demonstration Forest: A Handbook to Plan, Fund, Build, and Effectively Use a Community Educational Resource. A demonstration forest is a small-scale version of a working forest that can demonstrate techniques of forest management, including different management areas, trails, outdoor classrooms, and learning stations. A demonstration forest allows visitors to see different aspects of natural resource management in a contained area and in a fairly short period of time.

This handbook provides step-by-step information to make a demonstration forest become a reality. Sections include Getting Started; Designing Your Demonstration Forest; Developing a Budget and Securing Funding; Building Your Forest; Maintaining Your Forest and; Creating and Educator's Guide.





Virtual Forest CD series: Teachers are often limited to one field trip per year. For a trip to the forest to be worthwhile, students must be prepared in advance. The Virtual Forest CDs are intended to do just that.

The Virtual Forest gives students hands-on experience in learning about our nation's forests, factors that play a role in how and where trees grow, and the cultural and economic impacts of management. The ability to simulate measuring specific trees and distances within forest plots helps prepare students to conduct a real plot analysis in

the field. The interactive tree key prepares students for field identification. And a few games thrown in for fun (and learning) ensure that students remain engaged in their journey through the forest.

Educators, natural resource managers and forest industry representatives who have seen these CDs demonstrated have marveled at their content, versatility and ease of use. The CDs are appropriate for grades 4 through high school with some applications even more challenging. CDs are available covering the Central Hardwoods, Boreal Forest, Southern Pines, and Rocky Mountains Virtual Forest.

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